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They will recall that he assumed the Premiership when the new party which he represented, was untaught and inexperienced in administration. He held together that party, by nature individualistic and radical. He controlled the more ungovernable elements by his measured judgment, and strong personality. Irreparable harm might have been effected, if a less powerful influence had been at the head of government. He retained the confidence and esteem of the more well-informed and cautious elements of the party, upholding their hands as they upheld his.

He has checked much foolish legislation, and on the whole has given good legislation, which has been extremely difficult in the past few years. He has acted as mediator between conflicting forces, and has held the personal regard of all parties.

It is not too much to say that all citizens of Alberta have been proud to acknowledge him as the Provincial representative in any larger conferences, where National or International leaders have met. They have depended on his dignity, wisdom and cool judgment, and though differing with him in viewpoint, they nevertheless felt that he was sincere in his devotion to the Province and the people.

He has maintained the credit of the Province, an extremely difficult accomplishment, when one considers that it is a Province almost entirely agricultural and largely wheat growing.

The regard in which he has been held outside the Province is obvious, when it is recalled that Ottawa has, on different occasions, offered him most attractive posts. Aside from these, he has had many offers from private business, infinitely more attractive in remuneration and freedom from worry, than that of a Provincial Premiership. He has repeatedly refused to better himself materially, choosing instead to share the lot of the people of this Province, and to serve to the best of his ability so long as his service is required.

It is well for the people of Alberta to recall these facts at the present time, and it would be well to refrain from joining the Whispering Chorus, which damns a man, before he has been able to utter a word on his own behalf.

Speech on C.C.F.

C. A. Ronning, M.L.A., and C. L. Gibbs, M.L.A., spoke to a full house at Sedgewick on October 19th, A. G. Andrews, M.L.A., presiding. Both speakers dealt with the C.F.C. and both, says a report in the *Community Press*, of Sedgewick, "were given hearty ovations and answered many questions to the satisfaction of everyone, except, perhaps, those who are not open to conviction."

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EDITORIAL

C.C.F. WINS SPURS IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

"Canada's lusty political infant," announced the Vancouver Sun on the morrow of the Provincial general election in British Columbia, "sprang to maturity overnight." With the second largest group in the new Legislature, the C.C.F. will constitute the official opposition.

Born as a Federal movement fifteen months ago; organized as an effective Provincial organization in British Columbia on the eve of the election—its branches in many constituencies established but a few weeks before the electors went to the polls—the B.C. unit of the Federation has reason to be gratified by its achievement. It received 31 per cent of the total vote in the constituencies in which polling took place, while the Liberal party—led in a traditionally Liberal Province by an influential former cabinet minister, backed by a long established and powerful and well-financed organization, and aided by many Conservatives who realized that the Tolmie government was doomed but feared the challenge of the new political movement to the old order of things—polled less than 43 per cent.

If the number of its representatives in the Legislature were proportionate to the total vote cast, the C.C.F. would now have 12 or 13 members instead of the six actually elected, while the Liberals would have won 17 or 18 seats only, instead of 30. As it is the Liberals led by T. D. Pattullo will have a majority in the Assembly and will form the next Government of the Coast Province. The elections in six seats are deferred until November 27th, and it is possible that these may add to the voting strength of the Federation in the Legislature.

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That the Liberal success was due in no small measure to the fusion of Conservative with Liberal forces to keep out the C.C.F. is attested by the Vancouver *Province*, which declared, "Our Liberal friends will do well to remember that thousands of Conservative voters, feeling frightened and apprehensive, helped to carry them into office." The Tolmie Government was thoroughly discredited in the minds of the electors. Dr. Tolmie's "Unionist" party placed but a handful of candidates in the field. There can be no doubt that the C.C.F. faced (with a most encouraging degree of success) the massed opposition of party elements which hitherto have sought to persuade electors that they represent, in Liberalism and Conservatism, opposite poles in political philosophy and public policy.

The closer the two old parties come to political union, the more clear-cut will become the issue between capitalism and the co-operative principle in industry, and the more certain the rapid growth, in this period of capitalism's bankruptcy and decline, of the social forces pledged to fundamental reconstruction.

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THE MACKENZIE BY-ELECTION

Those who followed closely the C.C.F. campaign in the Federal Constituency of Mackenzie, where former Judge Stubbs' Liberal opponent was elected by a very considerable majority, have no doubt learned a number of salutary lessons from this contest—one of which is perhaps "how not to do some things."

There was an almost universal feeling before the campaign got under way—a feeling which we found to be particularly strong in C.C.F. circles, and among friends of the C.C.F. movement—that a mistake had been made in bringing in a candidate unknown in the constituency, when (as we understand is the case) well-qualified men were available locally. There are many thousands of Canadians who believe that Mr. Stubbs has been unjustly treated in the matter of his dismissal from the bench, who yet were inclined to regard the nomination as, under the circumstances, rather in the nature of a "stunt." It is no reflection on Mr. Stubbs himself to say that the theatrical gesture made by the nominating Convention in Mackenzie did create an unfavorable impression in many places.

The C.C.F. in the constituency labored under the disadvantage of lack of adequate organization. This was due in considerable measure, of course, to sheer lack of money; and the Liberal and Conservative parties which

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NEWS OF THE ORGANIZATION

Activities of Locals and District Associations and Information from Central Office—Notes on Co-operation

Co-operative Committee's Bulletin

Coal

Present weather conditions suggest we are facing a long, cold winter, and no doubt many Locals are planning the purchase of coal. Central Office has excellent connections in the Drumheller, Carbon, Lethbridge and Edmonton fields, serving almost every part of the Province. Reduced freight rates are now in effect to many points.

Oils

We again wish to remind our members that patronage dividends will be paid on purchases from any Red Head station if an invoice showing name and Local is secured.

Twine

If your Local had a consignment stock of Twine we hope you will make a final report showing any surplus, as soon as possible.

Apples

On account of bad weather some Locals are hesitating about ordering Winter Apples. With heated car facilities available at a very small charge, shipment can be made without risk. Write Central Office for prices.

Coming Constituency Conventions

FEDERAL

Athabasca: At the Labor Hall, Edmonton, on Tuesday, November 21st, at 2:30 p.m. The business of the convention will be to clear up all business of the old association and elect officers for the new Federal Constituency Association. C. J. Stimpfle, secretary, urges that all Locals in the new constituency send at least one delegate each.

PROVINCIAL

Lac Ste. Anne: At Cherhill, on November 17th. This is the semi-annual convention.

Wetaskiwin: In the U.F.A. Hall, Wetaskiwin, on Tuesday, November 14th, commencing at 10:30 a.m. The program will include a full discussion of the sale of rural telephone lines, an address by Norman F. Priestley, Vice-president of the U.F.A., report of the Debating League, a musical program, an address by a member of the Legislature, and discussion of a resolution which would base representation at nominating conventions upon membership for the previous year.

Beaver River: At St. Lina, on Wednesday, November 15th, at 1 p.m. Important resolutions will be dealt with at the business session, and in the evening there will be a public meeting, with speakers. Visitors are invited, states the secretary, L.Z. Magnant, and Locals are requested to send their full quota of delegates.

Pembina: At Westlock, on Thursday, November 23rd, at 11 a.m. William Irvine, M.P., will address the meeting in the evening at 8:30, and Russell Love, M.L.A., will be the afternoon speaker. The secretary, J. Eldon Chambers, asks Locals to make a special effort to collect and pay in all dues, funds being low.

Seven Persons U.F.A. Local are holding a debate, "Resolved that the farm men and women should all belong to the U.F.A.", two of the speakers to be supplied by Whitla Local.

LABOR INCREASE IN MEMBERSHIP

But Special Effort Needed in Order to Double Last Year's Total Before End of 1933

Membership in all branches of the U.F.A., inclusive of life memberships and memberships-at-large, exceeded 12,000 on October 31st. With these two classifications excluded, the total was 11,879, as compared with 6,591 on the corresponding date last year. The total for the month of October alone was 465, as compared with 160 for October 1932. These figures include the U.F.A., the U.F.W.A. and the Junior Branch.

Locals in all parts of the Province are urged to make a special effort during the short period now remaining before the end of the year, to building up a membership exceeding by 100 per cent that of last year.

Mr. Priestley's Meetings

Almost the whole of the month of November will be spent by the Vice-president, Norman F. Priestley, in speaking at meetings in various parts of the Province. For the first week, the following series in the district north-west of Edmonton was arranged: Mid-Pembina and Belvedere, October 31st, afternoon and evening respectively; Brookdale and Rich Valley, November 1st, afternoon and evening; Sion and Alexandale, November 2nd, afternoon and evening; Onoway and Calahoo, November 3rd, afternoon and evening.

Meetings in Battle River

A series of meetings in Battle River constituency to be addressed by W. Skinner, Director, and George Clay, Junior Director, have been arranged: Prosperity, November 1st; Edinglassie, November 2nd; Greenglade, November 3rd; Browning, November 4th; Heath, November 13th; Albert, November 14th. Meetings in other parts of the constituency are also being arranged.

Meetings in Acadia

Donald Cameron, Secretary of the Extension Department of the University of Alberta, and Jack Sutherland, Director for the Federal Constituency of Acadia and member of the U.F.A. Executive, will address meetings at the following places in the constituency during December:

Garden Plains, Tuesday, December 12th
Solon School, Wednesday, December 13th;
Earltown School, Thursday, December 14th;
Chain Lakes, Friday, December 15th;
Hand Hills Lake Club House, Saturday, December 16th;
Craigmyle, Monday, December 18th;
Victor School, Tuesday, December 19th;
Munson, Wednesday, December 20th;
Morrin, Thursday, December 21st;
Rowley, Friday, December 22nd.

All meetings will begin at 8 p.m. Mr. Cameron will give a talk on his visit to nine European countries, illustrated with moving pictures. Mr. Sutherland will deal with the Wheat Pool Annual Meeting and, if time permits, with the C.C.F.; it is, however, not quite certain that he will be able to be present at the three last meetings. A special invitation is extended to the young people.

Live stock shipments from Western to Eastern Canada for this year up to September 28th included 51,318 cattle; 418 calves; 220,366 hogs, and 84,735 sheep.

For the first forty-two weeks of 1933 (ended October 19th) 2,480,883 hogs were graded in Canada.

Winners in the Junior Essay Contest

Winners in *The U.F.A.* Essay Contest for members of the Junior Branch are:

BOYD L. THOMAS of Eckville, who is awarded the first prize of $10;

WILLIAM RUNTE of Wetaskiwin, who is awarded the second prize of $7;

MISS EDITH PINCHBECK of Conrich, who is awarded the third prize of $4.

Essays written by the following are given Honorable Mention: Harris Hanson, Bawlf; Gladys F. Bergquist, Carseland; Louis A. Maurice, Three Hills; Earle Teane, Waskatenau; Carl Unterschultz, Fort Saskatchewan; George Brevik, Camrose; and Victor Kenneth Shaw, Rowley; Michael Krueger, Ramsay.

Each of the authors of the essays given honorable mention is entitled to one of the book prizes, of which a list was published in *The U.F.A.* of April 1st, 1933.

The judges experienced considerable difficulty in making the principal awards, as a number of essays of almost equal merit were submitted. The relation of the essays to the subject—"An Interpretation of Bellamy and Morris in the Light of Present-day Conditions in Canada,"—and also their relation to Canada's primary industry, upon which the economic structure of the Dominion mainly rests, were taken into consideration in reaching the decisions. It may be said that the essays for the most part showed a clear understanding of the books and also of the actualities of the economic breakdown in Canada today. They revealed close and thoughtful study, and their quality was, on the whole, gratifyingly high, in view of the difficulty of the subject. A few were exceedingly good.

The judges were Dr. W. H. Alexander of the University of Alberta, Edmonton, George E. Church of Balzac, U.F.A. Director for East Calgary, and the editor of *The U.F.A.*

The essay written by Mr. Thomas, winner of first prize, is printed in full on this page.

The contestants were given the option of choosing to write on Bellamy's books ("Looking Backward" and "Equality") or on William Morris's "News From Nowhere," or on all three.

Edward Bellamy as Prophet

First Prize Essay in "The U.F.A." Contest for Junior Members, on the Subject "An Interpretation of Edward Bellamy in the Light of Present-day Conditions in Canada"

By BOYD L. THOMAS, Eckville

Edward Bellamy might reasonably be considered a prophet in the light of the developments during the fifty years that have elapsed since he wrote the books "Looking Backward" and "Equality." All of the inevitable tendencies of the capitalist system to eliminate the smaller business man; to create and maintain unemployment; to lower the standard of living of the agriculturist and the wage earner—all of these various symptoms of an inhuman and unbalanced economic system are even more manifest in our young Dominion today than they were in the time and country of which he wrote.

Lower and Lower Levels

In spite of the prodigious advance of mechanical invention in all fields, we see the standard of living of the farmer and worker steadily forced to lower and lower levels. Even as Bellamy predicts, the lot of the free and independent farmer is rapidly becoming so economically impossible that this class is gradually disappearing, giving way to the tenant farmer and those unlucky souls who are "in partnership with a mortgage company." Even those farmers who are still to weather the present economic storm, are forced to cut expenses to an extent that lessens their efficiency of operation. This fact is amply proved by the comparatively large number of horses being used in farming operations. We can be sure that economic reasons only are forcing the farmer to curtail his use of the efficient and tireless tractor.

Still, this is but a mild example of the paradox of the present system, hardly worthy of notice in view of the more alarming aspects of the situation. In accordance with the principles of capitalism, as explained by Edward Bellamy, the mighty strides of mechanical invention during the past few decades have been accompanied by an unprecedented growth in unemployment. And, in spite of this unemployment, we see all lines of business and industry continually lessening the number of persons on their payrolls. And, in the agricultural field, we find the farmer doing as much of his own work as possible, often with the help of women and children. All this in the interest of "Economy!"

Parable of the Water Tank

Indeed, one would with difficulty find a better illustration of the present economic situation than Bellamy's "Parable of the Water Tank." Even as the water merchants refused to pay for water after their tanks were full, and then beseeched the thirsting multitude to buy, our capitalists of today, with glutted markets and huge stocks of idle capital, force prices down to less than production cost, meanwhile beseeching the public to "Buy, and hasten the return of prosperity." And even as the capitalists of the parable bought the leaders of the mob and put words into their mouths defending their system, our leading newspapers and public men continually defend the principles of the capitalist system and mislead the masses with high sounding phrases pertaining to overproduction, war debts, high tariffs, and numerous other "causes" of the present depression. Likewise, to the courageous men and women who point out to the masses that every cause of the current distress has its root in the capitalist system, they point the finger of ridicule and scorn, calling them agitators, impractical visionaries, communists and other epithets of the capitalist vocabulary.

Period of Transition

However, in applying Bellamy's teachings and prophecies to present-day conditions in Canada, the resulting picture is not without its redeeming features. Particularly in the study of Bellamy's treatment of the period of transition from an inhuman and impossible economic system to a state of economic equality, do we find the interpretation charming. For, when comparing the transitional period as conceived by Bellamy to the present-day conditions in Canada, we find that they correspond in practically every detail. Waiving the obvious fact that the capitalist system is disintegrating, we find, in the trend of thought of the public, the proof that we are on the eve of a great change. We see, as Bellamy predicted, numerous creeds advocating reform measures that merely aim to alleviate results without altering causes. We see democratic governments depending on the police baton and the bayonet to preserve "Peace, order, and good government." And we see, as never before in history, the growing of radical thought and teaching. . . . All of these signs point to the fact that we are now entering, or have entered, the period of transition.

And this conclusion is borne out by the fact that we have, in Canada, in the Canadian Commonwealth Federation, an organization corresponding closely to the political organization which, in Bellamy's novels, was the instrument that brought about the great change; and composed, as the C.C.F. is, of both farmers and workers, and other groups and individuals of similar ideals, advocating peaceable revolution by constitutional means—the change to be accomplished by logical and consistent steps—this organization may well be considered the most competent for the difficult task of blazing the trail out of the economic wilderness to a time of economic and social fraternity.

Indeed, after reading Bellamy's works, we find that our faith in the ultimate outcome of the present distress and chaos has been greatly strengthened. And although we may, after reading of a state of economic equality such as he describes, look with loathing on the world about us; we can be thankful that we are living in the present and can participate in the glorious struggle toward an age when the social and economic structure of the nation will enable us to look upon our fellow men as brothers, in action as well as word, and in fact as well as theory.

New Bow River Federal Constituency Association Organized

Convention Expresses High Appreciation of Garland's Services, and Conviction That He is Man Best Fitted to Represent Electors in Constituency —A. P. Shuttleworth Elected President

Organization of the Federal Constituency of Bow River, in accordance with the new boundaries set by the redistribution bill of last session, took place at a convention held in the Labor Temple, Calgary, on Friday, October 27th, when officers were elected and plans made for the carrying on of a vigorous campaign throughout the constituency. By unanimous vote and amid much enthusiasm, the convention expressed its appreciation of the services rendered to the farm people by E. J. Garland, M.P., in the following resolution:

"Whereas, Mr. E. J. Garland, M.P., has ably represented the old Bow River constituency for the past twelve years, and has become a figure of national importance, and has made the name Bow River famous among the electoral ridings of Canada, and

"Whereas, the old Bow River constituency has been badly cut up by the recent redistribution of Federal constituencies, and

"Whereas, our relations with other groups of the C.C.F. within the newly created boundaries call for a careful canvass of the entire situation, including amendment of the Declaration of Principles which are binding upon U.F.A. constituency conventions, their nominees and elected representatives;

"Be it therefore resolved, that this convention of the United Farmers of Alberta, of the new Bow River constituency, does hereby extend to Mr. Garland an expression of complete confidence and does express the belief and conviction that he is the man best fitted to represent the electors of Bow River along the lines laid down in the program and manifesto of the Co-operative Commonwealth Federation."

The convention also adopted a resolution to be submitted to the Annual Convention of the Association in January, proposing amendment of the Declaration of Principles of the United Farmers of Alberta, so as to provide for co-operation, for the purpose of nominating a candidate, between organizations within a constituency which are branches of the various bodies in Alberta affiliated to the C.C.F.

Officers Elected

The names of A. P. Shuttleworth of Balzac and George Wall of Beddington were placed in nomination for the office of president of the Association. The first ballot resulted in a tie, and on a second ballot being taken, Mr. Shuttleworth was elected. Other officers were elected as follows: First vice-president, Mrs. J. W. Hodgson, Box 124, Calgary; second vice-president, N. P. Nelson, Standard; secretary, Joseph Schmaltz, Beiseker; directors, district one, H. C. Barr, Redland; Mrs. Wagler, Standard; district two, H. A. Rappe of Tudor was appointed until directors can be elected; district three, George Wall, of Beddington (postal address, Box 216, Calgary; G. C. Melendy, Carseland; district four, Howard Wright, Airdrie, Mrs. Harold G. Robinson, Carstairs; district five, J. Schmaltz, Beiseker; Mrs. C. J. Kerns, Acme; district six, S. B. Neilsen, Wayne, appointed until directors can be elected.

Locals in the six districts are distributed as follows: One, Standard, Redland, Rosebud, Beynon, Hussar (part only); two, Tudor, Rockyford, Bairnsfather, Ardenode, Nightingale, Keoma, Dairey, Irricana; three, Balzac, Beddington, Conrich, Langdon, Shepard, Dalemead, Carseland, Strathmore (part only); four, Airdrie, Crossfield, Carstairs, Seibertville, Hawkeye, Floral U.F.W.A.; five, Beiseker, Acme, Swalwell, Carbon; six, Drumheller, Wayne.

Largely Attended

The Convention, which was largely attended by delegates and visitors, revealed a spirit of high enthusiasm and determination to build up the Association to maximum strength throughout the constituency. The new Board was authorized to take what steps may be required to further and support the C.C.F. movement.

J. M. Wheatley, director of the old Bow River constituency, opened the proceedings and called for nominations for the chair. George Wall was elected by acclamation and at the close of the proceedings appreciation was expressed of the capable manner in which Mr. Wall as chairman and L. B. Hart of Carbon as convention secretary, handled the business of the day.

In his farewell address as director for the old Bow River constituency, Mr. Wheatley thanked the officers and the rank and file for the support they had given him throughout his term of office. A hearty vote of thanks for his services was unanimously carried. M. H. Ward of Arrowwood, who like Mr. Wheatley resides outside the boundaries of the new Bow River constituency, gave a brief address, supporting Mr. Wheatley in an appeal for the building up of the organization in preparation for a vigorous campaign. These speakers, and Col. Robinson and others, paid tribute to Mr. Garland's work for the constituency and for the people of the Dominion.

Evening Rally

In the evening a most successful rally was held in the Memorial Hall, where addresses were delivered by Norman F. Priestley, on the C.C.F., by Alderman F. J. White, M.L.A., on the NRA upon which he had obtained much interesting information during a recent visit to the United States, and by E. J. Garland and Russell Love, M.L.A. Commissioner T. Riley, of the Canadian Labor Party, Calgary branch, presided.

Mr. Garland's speech to the Bow River Convention and Mr. Love's at the evening rally are reported extensively in this issue.

Donalda district mourns the passing of D. J. McKay, a resident of the district for twenty-eight years. Mr. McKay was a charter member of Science Mound U.F.A. Local, and was deeply interested in U.F.A. work, as well as all other movements for the good of the community.

NOTICE TO U.F.A. LOCALS

Arrangements Made to Deal With Attacks by Opposition Speakers

Our attention has been drawn to the fact that at meetings in various parts of the Province attacks on the record of the U.F.A. Government which contain the most serious misstatements of fact and figures, have been made by some opposition speakers who occupy leading positions.

Locals of the Association are therefore requested to write the U.F.A. Central Office whenever meetings are held in their districts, at which attacks are made on the administration, in order that arrangements may be made for U.F.A. speakers to visit these districts and answer the attacks.

In recent issues of The U.F.A., Russell Love has dealt most effectively with misleading statements made by Mr. Rowson, the Liberal leader, and in the speech reported in the current issue he deals effectively with attacks by both Mr. Howson and Mr. Duggan.

A Study in Purchasing Power

We have received a copy of a very interesting pamphlet entitled "A Study in Purchasing Power," compiled by F. Grierson, a member of the Ottawa Bureau of Social Research. The author is to be congratulated on his effort to present this important subject in such a form as to be understood by the average reader.

Mr. Grierson opens his attack by asking the question: "Are only fifty cents available to buy the dollar?", and then proceeds by means of statistics, backed by an admirable chain of reasoning, to show that there is good reason to believe that for every dollar's worth of goods and services available to the consumer, there is actually only half a dollar at his disposal! "If this is true," he says, "the wonder arises as to how and why the world get along as well as it does. Possibly this may be due to the magic velocity with which credit and money travel in 'good times' along the highways of commerce, once it is let loose, though, of course, it is always getting the blind staggers."

If the author is correct in his thesis, (and there is every reason to believe that he is) his pamphlet will make an important addition to the arguments of those who perceive the inadequacy of the existing financial system, and who are demanding a "New Deal" in the distribution of purchasing power.

We strongly advise our readers to secure a copy of this pamphlet, which can be obtained from the Bureau of Social Research, Ottawa, at a cost of five cents.

Liberal Wins in Mackenzie

The Liberal candidate, J. A. MacMillan, was elected in the by-election on October 23rd in Mackenzie riding over ex-Judge Stubbs, the nominee of the C.C.F. The final vote stood: MacMillan, 5,926; Stubbs, 4,312; Edgar, Conservative, 1,643; McNamee, United Front, 713.

Notes by the Way

By the EDITOR

I hope every reader of *The U.F.A.* will read carefully and keep for reference the report of the address by Russell Love which appears in this issue. In this report and in his preceding articles, Mr. Love has replied very effectively to the critics—on the platform and in editorial chairs—who are wont to apply the appellation "extravagant" to the U.F.A. administration. Mr. Howson and some others apparently regard the spreading of misinformation upon Provincial affairs as a political virtue.

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I think it would be safe to wager that neither Mr. Howson nor Mr. Duggan (who must know the truth) is likely to quote in public the following statement from the *Financial Post* of October 4th, given in answer to a correspondent: "Credit of Alberta is ranked as the best of the four Western Provinces." I could mention also, some Alberta newspapers which are not likely to quote that sentence in their editorial columns.

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"Economy" of course, is no way out of our difficulties; though Provincial Governments, which lack control in financial matters, find it difficult to avoid curtailment of expenditures even on necessary social services. The claim made by Messrs. Howson and Duggan, and the *Calgary Herald*, with varying degrees of recklessness in the use of facts and figures, however, is that the U.F.A. Government is spendthrift with the taxpayers' money; whereas in truth there is no Government in the Dominion less inclined to spendthrift policies. I could quote a very high authority indeed in support of the statement that the Government of Alberta is the most efficient in the West; and I think there is the best reason for believing that it is the most efficient in administration in Canada.

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Some months ago it was announced that the officers of Coronation U.F.A. Constituency Association had invited Mr. Howson to meet Hon. George N. Johnston, the speaker of the House, in a public discussion on Provincial affairs. I understand that Mr. Howson has not yet accepted the invitation. It is to be hoped he will do so. The public could be provided with no better means of arriving at a balanced judgment and understanding of the business of Provincial administration and the record of the Government, than by a public discussion of this character at which no statement that will not stand examination can safely be made by either party to the discussion.

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Mr. Garland's warning that a bankers' central bank would tend to make Canada a chain in the link of such banks in other countries, and thereby postpone the date of our deliverance from thralldom to the present financial oligarchy, was, it seemed to me, much to the point. I notice that New Zealand is to have a central bank, no doubt to be linked with the Bank of England in respect to policy. The Bank of England is in a position to dictate to the British Chancellor of the Exchequer At least Winston Churchill has confessed that it dictated policy to him.

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It is to be hoped that an inquiry into the proposals of Major C. H. Douglas will be made by the Alberta Legislature at the forthcoming session. As the result of action taken by Labor and U.F.A. members of the House, Major Douglas gave evidence at Ottawa on the occasion of the last revision of the Bank Act. Of late in Alberta there has been a general revival of interest in Major Douglas's ideas. There can be little doubt that an inquiry into the basis, function and control of financial credit—into the subject, in other words, of social credit—is today eminently desirable.

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J. Middleton Murry, editor of the *Adelphi Quarterly* of London, England —[illegible] distinguished literary men who in recent years have thrown in their lot with the social forces pledged to struggle for the attainment of the Co-operative Commonwealth — contributes an article on "The Canadian C.C.F." to the October number of his [illegible]. He pays a high tribute to the Canadian movement, which is remarkable, he says, because "It has gathered together labor, the farmer, the small business man, and the black-coated clerical worker;" and he adds that "elements which have, in continental countries, fallen a victim to Fascist allurement, largely owing to the exclusiveness of a Socialist movement based narrowly on organized industrial labor," have in Canada been attracted to a movement—the C.C.F.—which stands for a genuine social transformation rather than Fascist reaction.

"The basic reasons for this," states Mr. Murry, "are, no doubt, economic and historical. The Canadian farmer have no feudal traditions; nor is the country predominantly industrial. But the situation has found men capable of giving it idealistic expression." The name of the new movement is aptly chosen; because, he points out, it emphasizes also and "ethical content," and by doing so "helps to ensure that the end shall not be lost , or denied, in the means."

C.C.F. Research Bureau

Many readers of *The U.F.A.* will be interested in an article entitled C.C.F. Agricultural Policy," which is published in the October bulletin of the Saskatchewan C.C.F. Research Bureau. The article is a reproduction of the greater part of an address given by George H. Williams, President of the Saskatchewan Farmer-Labor Group, on the occasion of the first National Convention of the Co-operative Commonwealth Federation in Regina on July 22nd. Mr. Williams describes in detail what has come to be known as the "Saskatchewan Land Policy." The C.C.F. program, as those who have read it will have noticed, leaves the matter of land policy to the various Provinces, after laying down a program upon agricultural questions of a general nature.

The bulletin also contains an article by M. J. Coldwell, leader of the Farmer-Labor Group in Saskatchewan, on "The Paradox of Liberalism," an article on "Money Power in Canada," and a biographical sketch of E. J. Garland, M.P. Copies, price 10 cents each, can be obtained from the Bureau, Drawer 339, Regina, Saskatchewan.

THE DARK LANTERN

There's a startling hush in the street to-night—
A man to break and his place to win;
A rabble of plunderers out of sight,
With a hoocoush keel to the garbage tin.
And it's not for the sake of the country's good,
Or the hope of a finer and fairer fame;
But the stink bomb flew where the captain stood:
"Play up! Play up! It's the Party's game!"

—From "Gleams of a Free Lance," *Alberta Labor News*, October 7th, 1933.

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had large funds at their disposal, spent lavishly. But where the farm people, for instance, are well-organized, in local units composed of members who have become accustomed to working together efficiently, campaigns have been won in the past and will be won again without heavy campaign funds. We are not discouraged by the result in Mackenzie. We believe, that experience gained in the recent campaign may well pave the way to success in the next contest.

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A FINAL REPORT

When critics of the U.F.A. administration attack the Government's record, they can be assured of wide publicity under sensational headlines in the daily press. But when Russell Love, M.L.A., before an attentive audience that filled the Memorial Hall in Calgary on October 27th, replied to such criticisms, and showed that Mr. Howson and others have been guilty of the gravest kind of misrepresentation of facts and figures, there were no headlines, no reports at all in fact which could give to the newspaper reader even an elementary idea of what Mr. Love's speech was about. There was an effective press boycott of the speech which deprived the readers of these newspapers (some of whom are farmers) of the opportunity to which they are justly entitled—to know the facts as to the record of the U.F.A. Government.

Not a single reader of these newspapers was permitted to learn through their news columns the true state of Government finances, or the extent of the drastic economies which have been carried out by an administration which of all Canadian Governments is the least deserving of the appellation "extravagant."

Capitalist System Has Its Back to the Wall

"We Have Got to Be Ready to Fight as We Have Never Fought Before," Declares E. J. Garland, M.P., in Speech at Bow River Convention—Member in Rousing Speech Outlines Important Items in C.C.F. Program.

Warning his hearers that capitalism in its period of decline and decadence will fight the forces of social reconstruction with total lack of scruple, with base appeal to prejudice and passion, and with complete disregard of truth, E. J. Garland, M.P., in an address of compelling eloquence and force before the organizing convention of the new Bow River U.F.A. Federal Constituency Association in the Labor Temple, Calgary, on October 27th, stressed the need for rapid and thorough organization in Canada, from coast to coast, to meet the attack.

Mr. Garland gave a detailed analysis of a number of the most important sections in the program of the Co-operative Commonwealth Federation, particularly in the field of social planning, and showed that the first step towards the establishment of an equitable economic system is to secure control over the monetary system. He declared that the setting up of a bankers' central bank in Canada would be a grave menace to the public interest, tending to link up the Dominion in the most definite way with the international money power. He examined a number of the criticisms of the C.C.F. program made by opponents, and showed that there is not a single clause in the program which is not based upon decisions reached by the organized farmers themselves in successive conventions, and that the program provides the only means by which the interests of the producing classes and consumers can be protected.

As We Never Fought Before

We have to get ready to fight as probably we have never had to fight before. We are going to have to fight a system, and not merely political parties; a system that now has its back to the wall, and is going to exercise every means of vilification, of misrepresentation, of appeal to prejudice, of which they have been guilty in the past. You can look for no mercy from any quarter in the fight to come.

Your elected delegates to the C.C.F. convention at Regina were a group of which I, as chairman, was very proud. They showed no prejudice, no passion, one way or the other. They hewed strictly to the path laid by their U.F.A. organization. And what emerged was not a new program. What emerged was a U.F.A. program and a Labor program. They were the resolutions that had been endorsed at the U.F.A. Conventions year after year, after patient and toilsome work. There is not a single clause in the whole of the C.C.F. constitution or platform which had not, at one time or another, or in some form, been discussed and passed on by the U.F.A. Annual Convention.

The C.C.F. is simply the U.F.A. co-operating with other groups which had, during the same 25 years or less, been working separately for many similar principles, their roads converged to a common meeting point which was reached when the breakdown of the present economic system became so clearly apparent to all the thinkers in both movements during the last three years. Such a federation was inevitable. It had to come. The whole destiny of the movement of Farmer and Labor indicated that it was coming. (Mr. Garland described the formation of the League for Social Reconstruction, chiefly by University men, and spoke of the pride he felt when he discovered that the program drafted by these men, with their great intellectual attainments and their training, was practically the same program that had been advanced by the U.F.A. Members of Parliament during the past eleven years. He referred also to the fact that the United Church of Canada, in drawing up an economic program, had come to precisely the same conclusions as the U.F.A. and the Labor Party.)

Power First Essential

I would like for a moment to take the C.C.F. program and refer to the important clauses of it. Of course the first thing that we seek is power; power through the democratic procedure that has been our right as a British nation in the British Commonwealth of Nations. We have the right, at least every five years at the maximum, to decide precisely the form of government and precisely the type of economic system we in Canada desire. There is therefore no necessity for what is called revolutionary action. Even to suggest it is to deny the intelligence of those who had established the theory of democracy; and for us to deny it in principle would be to override the ideals of the organization to which we belong. Everything you seek to do can be done constitutionally and within the ambit of your present democratic institutions.

The first thing then is to get power. Through the ballot. This will be achieved through steady, permanent activity and intense loyalty. It is the one thing both Farmer and Labor need to develop as they never developed it before. They need a loyalty so great that no matter how vicious the propaganda, how plausible the appeal may be, they will remain steadfast to their ideals and to the principles which they seek to attain.

Need for Social Planning

The first clause in the program asks for the setting up of a planned socialized economic order so that we may "make possible the most efficient development of the national resources and the most equitable distribution of the national income."

I wonder if there is a single person in this audience who does not appreciate the utter and vital need for ordered planning today. During the centuries that have preceded us, especially in the last hundred years, society has functioned on what is called the free competitive basis—more competitive than free—and under that system you permit the creation, by those who, legally within that system, could do so, of vast power both to dominate and to control wealth. In the scramble for wealth you have seen the God-given gifts of this earth violated by capitalists to secure immediate profits.

Despoiling of Resources

In your own Province, in the oil fields, you have an example before your eyes of the ruthless despoiling of a natural resource.

In British Columbia, wide stretches of ravaged forests would show you the same thing. There they use great cables, stretching far into the forest, to snake out two or three great logs by tremendous electric power, smashing everything before them, and leaving the countryside utterly devastated of everything. Nothing is left standing. The forest land is ruined in order to make a temporary profit.

The pulp and paper industry affords another example of wild exploitation. And so you can move from coast to coast and find precisely similar illustrations which cry out to Heaven and to intelligence for some order and some planning if the ghastly wastefulness and destruction of those things which are not ours but only for our use is not to continue; those things that God left here for the common pleasure and use of all of us.

What think you of an industry, a power plant, that cost just $60,000,000 to build, now capitalized at $637,000,000? In this case the power will not be delivered, although it is from a source as permanent as clouds, as steady as rivers and streams, to the consumers unless they can pay ten times what they should.

Under a limitless free competition there inevitably are the elements of competitive destruction. For instance, I read last year of an appeal to President Hoover to use his power to increase the duty on electric light bulbs. I knew that the General Electric company of the U.S. had a virtual monopoly of most important patents used in making the electric light bulbs. I found that the competition that the company was trying to guard against was coming from the General Electric Company of Japan.

You had precisely the same condition in the Lancashire cotton business years ago which established competing factories in India.

Every nation today, every living nation, is steadily coming to the inevitable conclusion that even for the survival temporarily of that system known as capitalism or the competitive commercial system, it will be necessary to undertake national planning. Such men as Sir Basil Blackett, director of the Bank of England, is preaching the doctrine of national planning. Sir Arthur Salter, an apologist for the present system, preaches the same doctrine. Sir Walter

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U.F.A. Administration Vigorously Defended at Calgary Meeting

Critics Answered by J. E. Love, M.L.A., Who Describes Immense Savings Effected by Government—Expenditure on Public Services $230,000 Less Than in 1921—Member Deals With Grave Misstatements by Opponents

On October 27th an audience of more than a thousand people who filled the Memorial Hall, Calgary, heard Russell Love, member for Wainwright, denounce, in a fighting speech, the manner in which Liberal and Conservative leaders have been misrepresenting the financial record of the U.F.A. Government. With charts and official documents, Mr. Love exposed statements made by Mr. Howson and Mr. Duggan as ridiculous and without foundation. He said the opponents of the Government dare not present a true picture of the Government's financial record; for if they did they would confirm the views of unbiassed authorities who state that Alberta has had the most efficient and economical government of any Province in Canada during the past twelve years.

Suppressed by Newspapers

The daily newspapers, which have repeatedly given wide publicity under sensational headlines to attacks made upon the U.F.A. administration by Messrs. Howson and Duggan and other opponents, suppressed the reply. The *Albertan* gave to his speech (in an obscure position) a nine line paragraph which included a bad misquotation, while the *Calgary Herald* dismissed the whole matter with the words: "Other speakers were Russell Love, M.L.A.", etc. The speech was unreported in the other Provincial dailies. We are glad to have the opportunity to present to our readers the important suppressed information upon Provincial affairs which is printed below.

Statements Wildly Wrong

Mr. Love said in part:

Mr. Howson talks of tax slavery, wasteful expenditures, duplication of services, appalling mounting debt and unbearable costs of government. Mr. Duggan says, "Alberta faces financial ruin if the present government remains in office much longer." He, like Mr. Howson, preaches economy and reduced expenditure at all times. They picture an increase in public debt since 1921 of $83,000,000 when they know that it is only $50,600,000, as the following facts reveal:

Alberta's Public Debt

	Dec. 31, 1921	June 30, 1933
Net Bonded Debt	$97,463,000	$131,141,000
Net Unfunded Debt	5,569,000	9,096,000
Indirect Debt	30,428,000	9,824,000
Total Debt	$93,460,000	$150,061,000
Increase since 1921		$56,601,000

Our political opponents know that in 1921 the indirect debt contained 17 millions for railways and four millions for the University and that our railway losses and University debt are now contained in our bonded debt; yet they persist in misrepresenting our public debt by presenting to the public only part of the debt and not the whole debt. If the policies advocated by Liberals and Conservatives during the past twelve years had been acted upon, our losses on railways would have been considerably greater and our debt for highways alone would have added an additional ten million dollars to our public debt.

Debt Increase 60 1/2%—Sinking Fund Increase 500%

While our total debt has increased 60 1/2 per cent since 1921, the debts of all Provinces in Canada have increased over 140 per cent since 1921. The soundness of our debt situation is revealed by the fact that while our debt has increased 60 1/2 per cent our sinking fund and special investment funds during the same period have increased from $1,708,000 to $10,993,000 an increase of over 500 per cent.

Figures Analyzed

Of our 56 million dollar increase in debt 24 millions are for highways. In 1921 we only had 17 miles of gravelled highways. Today we have over 2,000 miles. Our debt must be increased until our gravelled highway system is completed right to the Saskatchewan boundary. We keep open during the winter months more miles of highways than any other Province in Canada except Ontario, yet our "preachers of economy" are continually asking the Government to spend more money on highways.

Of the 7 3/4 million dollars increase in debt for public buildings, the only word of criticism is that the Edmonton Normal School should not have been built. Our opponents forget that the Edmonton Normal School was established by the former Liberal Government. The present Government continued this school until the end of 1923, when it was closed for reasons of economy. When better times returned it was found that 700 newly trained teachers were required each year to fill the annual vacancies. Only about 500 can be properly trained at Camrose and Calgary. It was found necessary to re-open the Edmonton Normal School in 1928. A new building, because of lack of accommodation in rented premises, was built in 1929. This school, now closed, was justified in 1929 and will be required again as soon as better times return.

Telephone Situation

Speaking of the telephone situation, Mr. Love stated that 20 million dollars were invested in telephone and over 16,000 miles of rural lines were built when the present Government came into office in 1921. Miles and miles of these lines have lost money ever since the day they were built. Many of these lines must now be either replaced or taken down. The Government's policy is to offer these lines to the farmers at a price that will give them telephone service at the very minimum of cost. The Alberta Telephone System is well managed and efficiently operated, but it has been loaded with more miles of pole lines than the entire Bell Telephone Company serving both the Provinces of Quebec and Ontario. Our telephone troubles are confined almost entirely to our rural system, 85 per cent of which was literally built under the former administration.

Wheat Pool Loan

Our increase in debt includes over 5 1/2 million dollars as a loan to the Alberta Wheat Pool *on which every cent of interest is paid by the Pool. Every dollar of the loan is being paid back in yearly payments to the Province by the Wheat Pool.*

Lethbridge Northern

Another item in our increase in debt includes the "Liberally" organized Lethbridge Northern Irrigation Project; which has cost us nearly five million dollars since 1921 and which can never pay its way so long as present price levels of farm products continue. The remaining amount of increase in debt includes unemployment relief, income deficits and miscellaneous loans and advances.

Mr. Howson says the carrying charges on our public debt were $1,400,000 in 1921. Even if he stated the amount shown in the public accounts as $1,040,000, he overlooks the fact that most of the interest on our railways was capitalized in 1921 and not charged as a regular expenditure as it should have been. He also overlooks the fact that the $22,000,000 added to our direct and indirect debt in 1921 alone meant adding about another million dollars to our debt carrying charges in 1922. Our present debt carrying charges of over $7,000,000 can not be reduced so long as Provincial Governments are compelled to finance their capital requirement under our present financial system.

Test of Financial Standing

The soundness of Alberta's financial position which no one should know better than Mr. Duggan, is such that of the bond issues placed on the market this year by the four Western Provinces, Alberta has been able to sell its bonds at a lower cost than any of the other Western Provinces.

Highlights of Answers to Howson and Duggan

The highlights of Mr. Love's answers to the criticisms of Mr. Howson and Mr. Duggan respecting the Government's so-called failure to reduce administration costs, eliminate wasteful expenditures and duplications in services, may be summarized as follows:

1. With over a million dollars of new services, the Government is spending over $200,000 less on all public services, exclusive of debt charges, this year than was spent in 1921. Estimated expenditures on public services in 1921 were $8,196,000. In 1933-34 they are $7,984,000.

2. Public health expenditures and

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ALBERTA WHEAT POOL SECTION

World Statistical Wheat Position

Prominent features of the world wheat situation as it has developed this year are: record world carryover last July; increased production in Europe, very low production in North America; possibilities of an average production in the Southern Hemisphere, with a total yield less than last year; prospects of a small international trade in wheat during the crop year; and indications of a decreased carryover at the end of the crop year. On the whole progress being made towards clarifying the wheat situation is slow and unless the International Wheat Agreement is fully implemented with regard to wheat acreage restriction or a decided turn for the better is experienced in affairs in general with a consequent upturn in world trade, prospects do not look any too bright.

Canadian Carryover

The boom on North American grain markets last spring and early summer with soaring prices for paper wheat had one very distinct result: it effectively curtailed wheat exports from Canada. The result was a carryover of 219 million bushels. The United States carryover totalled 386 million bushels. The International Institute of Agriculture at Rome gives the 1932-33 wheat carryover in United States, Canada, Argentina, Australia and afloat as 737 million bushels compared with 654 million the previous year or a gain in the year of 83 million bushels. The Food Research Institute of Stanford University, recognized as an international authority, gives carryover of wheat in all positions including exporting and importing nations, as well as India, North Africa and Japan, at 1,113,000,000 bushels, as at August 1st, 1933, the largest on record and an increase of 110 million bushels over the previous year.

Big Crop in Europe

Europe has another record-breaking crop this year, the estimate of production being 1,612,744,000 bushels, or in round figures 135 million bushels more than last year. The increased production came largely through better crops in the Balkan countries. Germany's wheat crop this year totals 202 million bushels, France has 333 million bushels and Italy 276 million bushels. England and Wales produced 57 million bushels or 16 million more than last year. Phenomenally fine weather during the latter stages of the crop growing season was largely responsible for this wonderful European crop.

In North America total production in Canada, the United States and Mexico totalled 809 million bushels this year, the lowest for many years and a decrease of 381 million bushels from last year's production. United States' production of 515 million bushels was 211 million less than last year's production and Canada's production of 282 million bushels was 173 million less than last year's.

Southern Hemisphere

In the Southern Hemisphere production will probably be less than last year, but it is a little early yet to accurately estimate. Next month is the critical period among the wheat fields of Argentina and Australia, when the grain will be filling. Both countries experienced a serious drought early in the crop season but liberal rainfall occurred at a critical time and changed the entire outlook. Warm days, cool nights and occasional rains are required to bring the crop along. The provisional estimate of yield for Australia is 160 million bushels as compared with 216 million bushels last year, and for Argentine of 200 million bushels as compared with 235 million bushels last year. This gives a total of 360 million bushels as compared with 451 million bushels last year or some 91 million bushels less.

The present estimate of the aggregate 1933 production of wheat in Canada, United States, Australia and Argentina is 1,158 million bushels as against 1,632 million bushels last year or a decline of 474 million bushels. Total domestic requirements of these four countries is about 875 million bushels, so the export surplus of the year's production is around 283 million bushels.

In the Far East good wheat crops are reported as general. China's production is estimated as 10 per cent larger than last year, Japan's as 20 per cent larger, the greatest on record, and Manchuria has doubled her wheat production. Russia is reported to have produced a fairly good crop in volume.

Small International Trade

Prospects for a large international trade in wheat are not bright. Broomhall's provisional estimate was 400 million bushels for Europe and 132 million bushels for other importing countries outside of Europe. The Institute of Agriculture at Rome believes European importers will take only 370 million and 90 million of this will come from the Balkan countries. Food Research Institute of Stanford University estimates total trade at 575 million bushels. The International Wheat Conference fixed the volume at 560 million and allotted quotas accordingly. Last year actual trade totalled 615 million bushels. The estimate this year is the lowest for many years. The first eleven weeks of the crop year, which brings us up to the date of October 11th, shows a total of wheat shipments of 110 million bushels. For the same period last year the total was 112 million, or two million larger. Exports by countries for this period are: North America (mostly Canadian) 48 million bushels, Argentine 26 1/2 million, Australia 18 1/2 million, Russia, 8 million and other countries 8 3/4 million. Canadian exports have declined some 20 million bushels from last year, Argentinian exports increased by approximately the same amount, Australia's total is two million bushels higher and Russia's total about the same. Early in the crop year there was a threat that Russian wheat would appear in large volume on the international market, but so far exports from there have only kept pace with last year's exports from the same country. What is more the wheat exported from Russia this year is of poor quality and the price has been discounted accordingly. Russian wheat is today the cheapest wheat in the world.

The eastern market for wheat will probably be limited this year insofar as Canada and Australia are concerned. There are better crops in that area of the world this year and furthermore United States is planning on bonusing the export of 35 million bushels from the Pacific northwest to China. This will affect Australia, whose inflated money gave that country almost a monopoly on the Oriental markets last year. Last crop year Australia exported 32 million bushels of wheat to the Orient.

Canadian Production

In Canada the estimate of production this year is 282,771,000 bushels, of which 264 million are allotted the Prairie Provinces. Adding the carryover of 219 million bushels gives total supplies of over 500 million bushels. Subtracting 120 million bushels needed for domestic requirements leaves a total of 380 million bushels available for export and carryover. If the Dominion's allotment of 200 million export quota is fulfilled, the carryover will be 180 million bushels, or 40 million less than the 1932-33 carryover.

The quality of the Canadian crop, judging by deliveries during the months of August and September, is high, 97 per cent coming into the first four grades, 1 Hard, 1 Northern, 2 Northern and 3 Northern. This percentage of high quality will hardly be retained over the year, as much grain in northern sections was damaged by unseasonable weather.

Wheat prices are higher now than last year, but a considerable proportion of this increase is due to currency manipulation. Gold, normally worth $20.67 an ounce is now valued in Canadian funds at over $30 an ounce. The gold price of wheat is low.

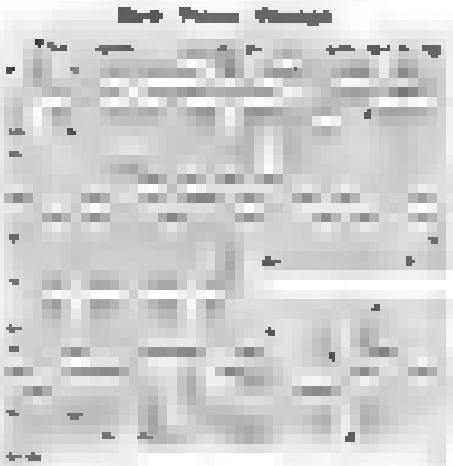
The outlook for the crop year is not cheerful from present indications but, of course, no human being can foretell what events may occur in the next few months which will affect the situation. It is only the unduly optimistic or the very foolish who are prepared to assume the role of prophet these days.

The best that can presently be said of prospects for the future is the possibility of a reduction in the wheat surplus by next midsummer. Then if acreage curtailment proposals work out, a better general world condition comes, and Europe's production is decreased a reasonable amount, hopes may well be raised.

Bearish Factors

Consoling factors are based on the ability of the international wheat market to sustain levels in the face of the established statistical position. While wheat is harvested every month of the year, the bulk of the harvesting falls during the last half of each year, from the middle of June to December. Thus this portion of the year exerts the heaviest pressure on the market as a general rule. For instance, we have witnessed pressing offers on the British market from Germany, France, Australia and Argentina and tenders of later wheat from Russia. It seems improbable in the face of what happened to British prices when confronted with this situation that further declines of any extent will eventuate. On the other hand, events of major significance will have to occur to induce much of an upward price trend in view of the large world supplies available. General world recovery and a rising price level would be of great assistance. The Food Research Institute of Stanford University looks for a sustained advance in wheat prices but of small magnitude.

The Annual Meeting of Illinois Wheat Pool starts on November 20th



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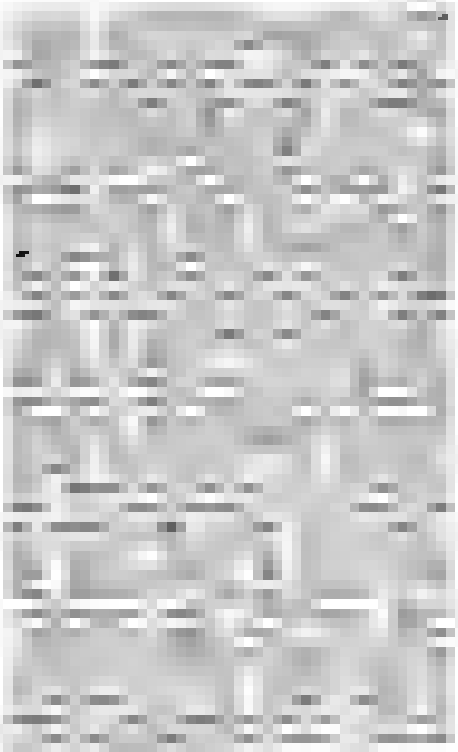

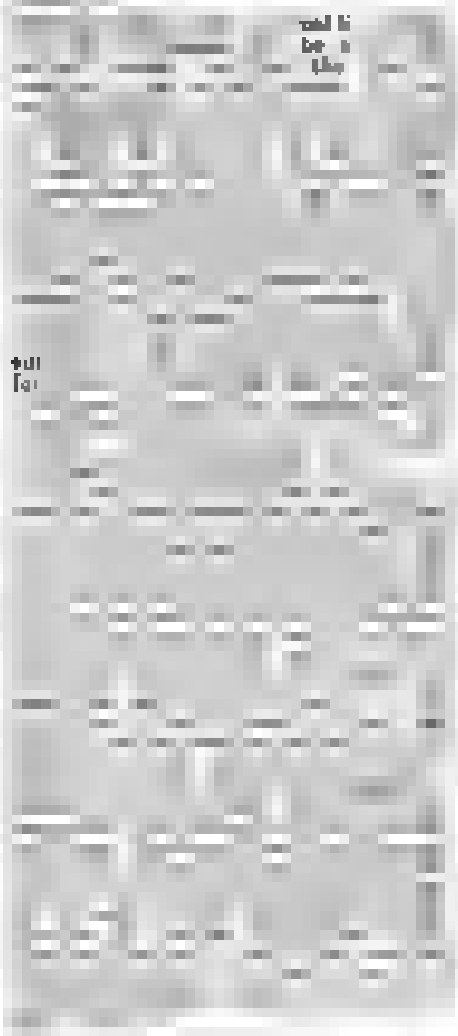

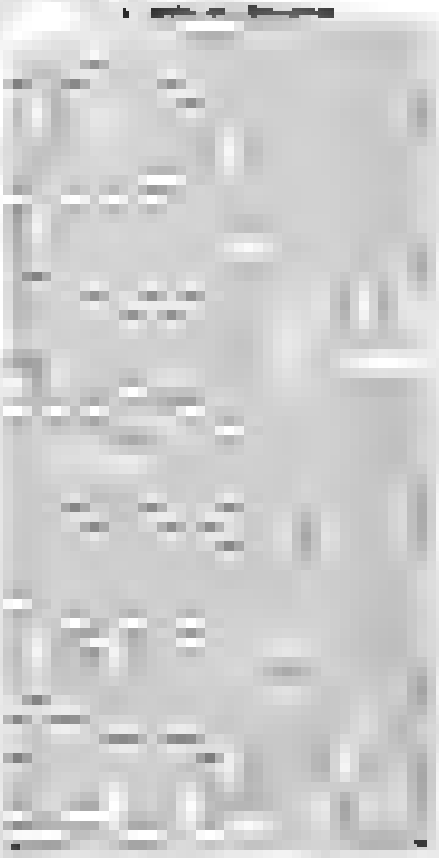

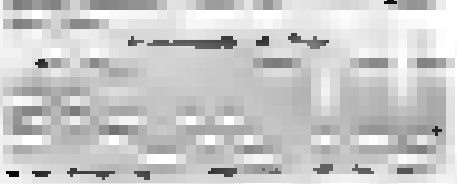

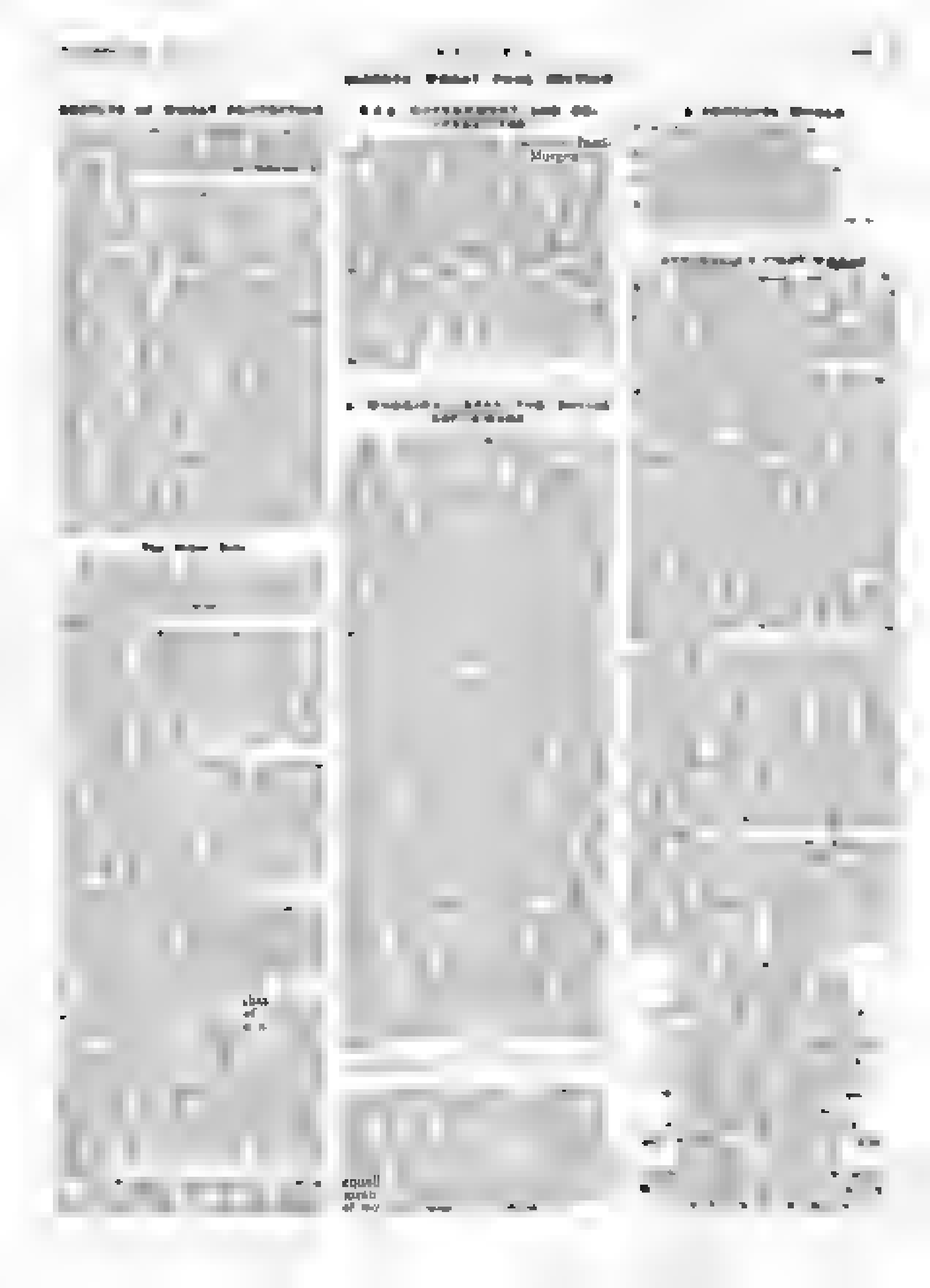

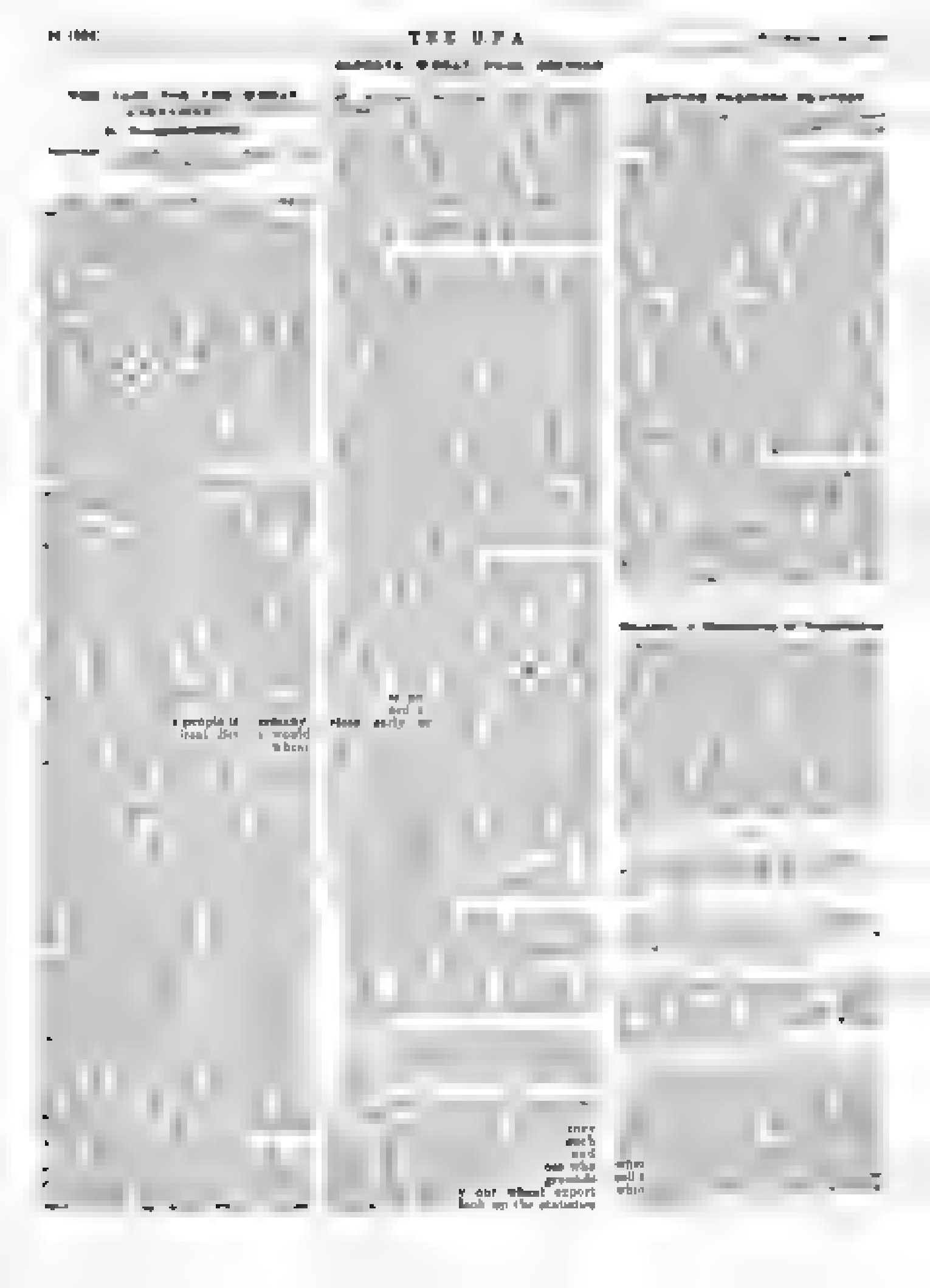

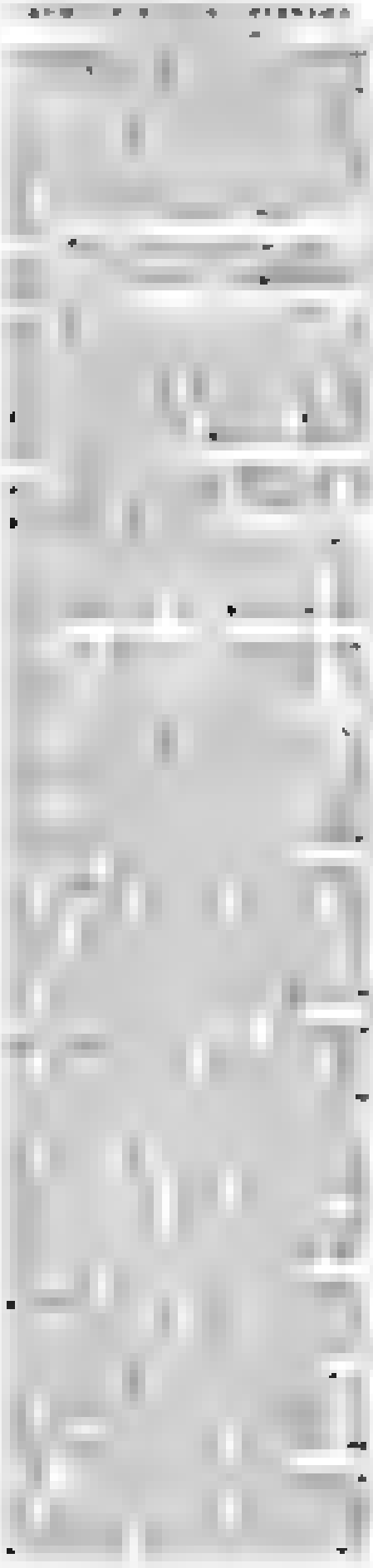

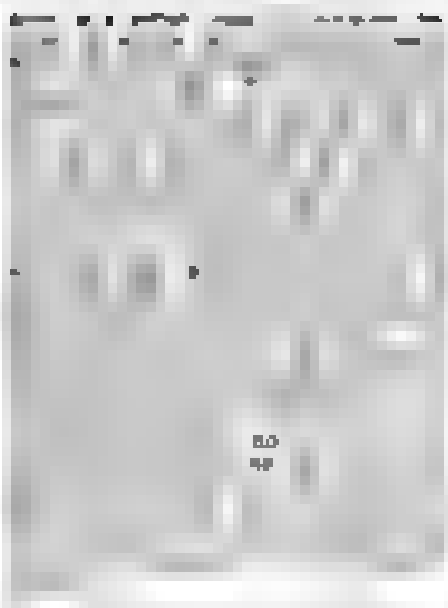

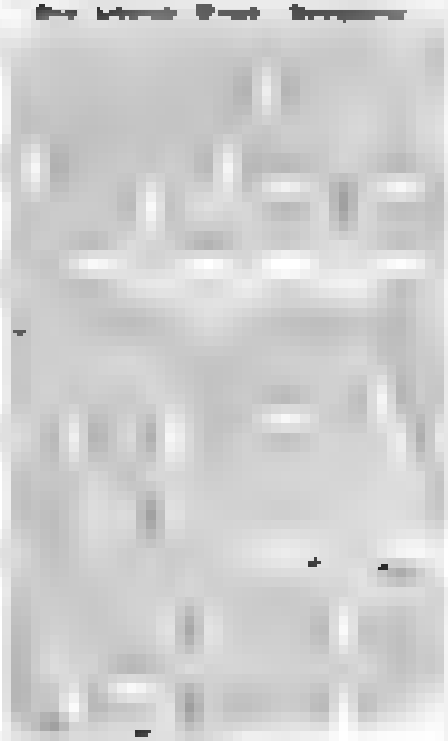

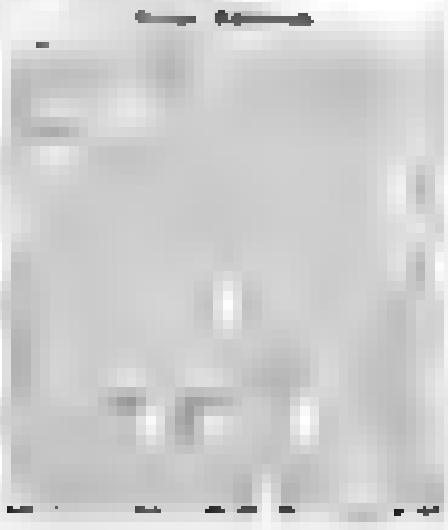

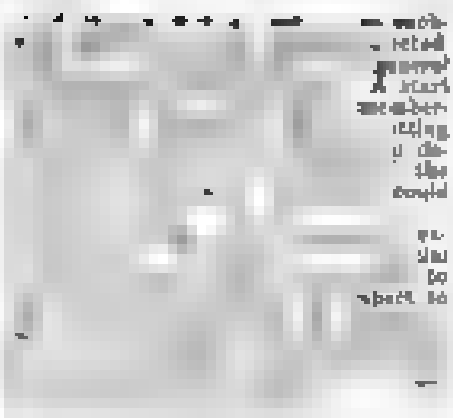

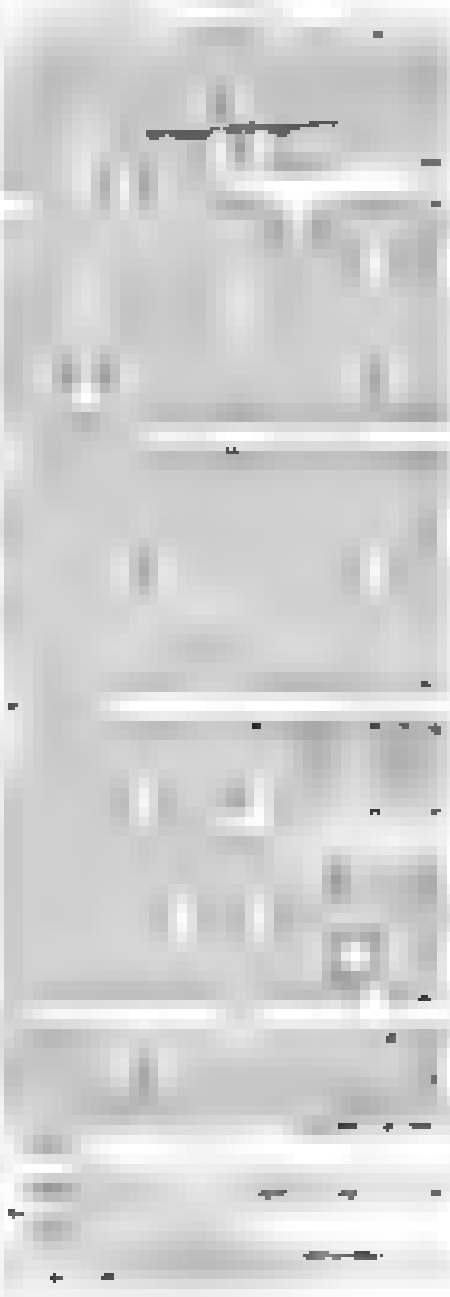

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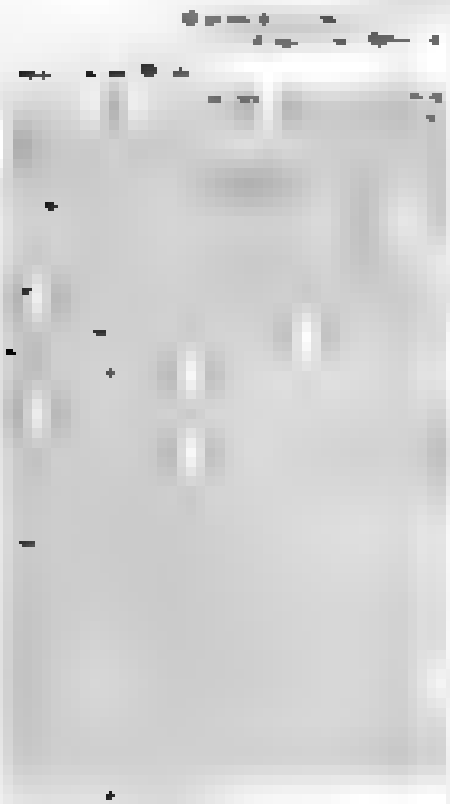
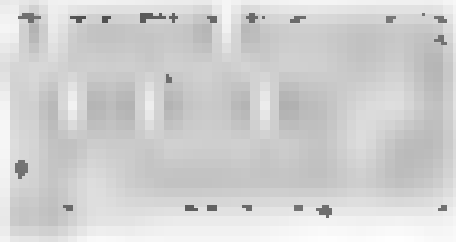
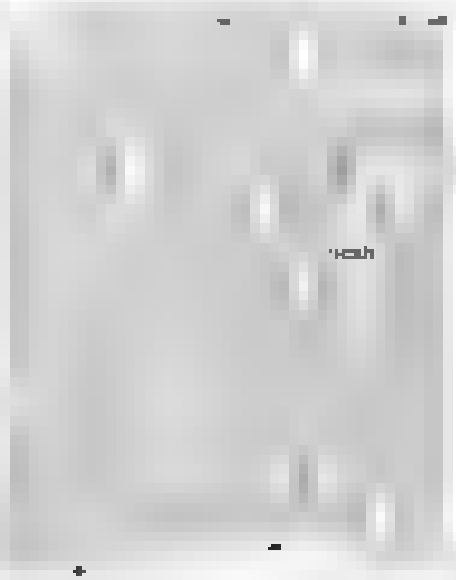
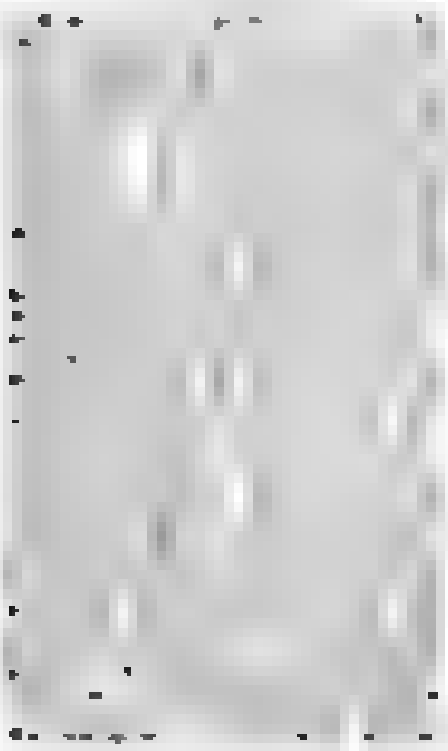
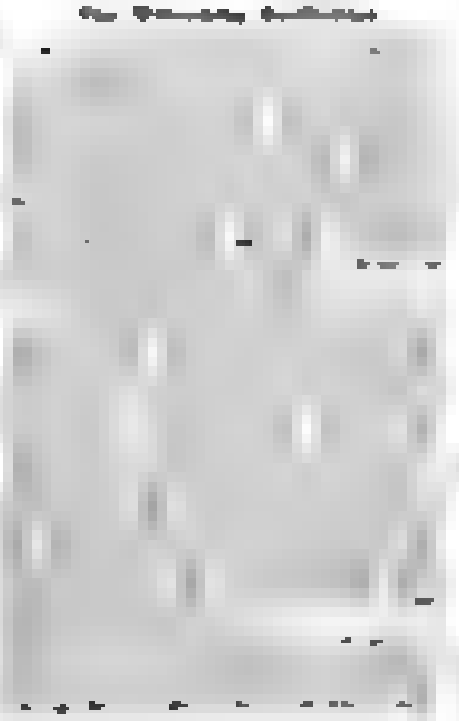
Gardens and Gardening











Political responsibility and political courage should be spoken

Resolutions for U.F.W.A. Annual Convention

Matters relating to the organization, education and general community welfare are dealt with in the advance group of resolutions for the U.F.W.A. Annual Convention. Under the first head, Statistics, U.F.W.A. Conference asks that the payments of first and second year permanents be definitely defined.

Peace River No. 5 U.F.W.A. Conference asks for more thorough and effective marking of graduates in our high schools, and also suggests that the printing and distribution of examination papers for grades 9, 10 and 11 might be discontinued and Provincial standards are in better shape.

That music be placed on an examination basis is the suggestion made by East and West Calgary U.F.W.A. Conference.

Two resolutions placed against the Federal list on agenda here are: East Bow River and East and West Edmonton U.F.W.A. Conferences.

One pertaining to the subject of a constitution was the East and West Calgary conference of committees to be printed on the convention book as Provincial Department of Locals and Affiliation by Calgary Federation and suggests changes be instituted from year to year.

A resolution from Peace River South Conference urges that members should show their fullest co-operation in the organization and in the U.F.W.A. movement.

Protest against the change in constituency boundaries by recent Federal Redistribution Act is voiced by Bow River conference.

More complete observance of people's Day is urged by East and West Edmonton Conference.

Activities of U.F.W.A. Locals

Wetaskiwin: Arranged a whist and bridge party followed by a dance, for October 20th.

Hawkeye: Decided at their last meeting to hold card parties every three weeks during the winter and to put on a play.

Bashaw: Held the opening of their winter series of bridge parties on October 18th, seven tables playing.

Conjuring: Answered the roll call at a recent meeting with sewing recipes. Arranged to finish a quilt, for which the hostess had been given by a friend.

Floral: Thoroughly enjoyed a course on interior decorating, held recently. Have a membership of 28. An increase over last year of three.

Bashaw: Set a date for their bazaar when they will sell a number of articles by auction. Decided to apply for a basketry course for next year.

Round Lake: Heard with interest a very fine paper on health, by Mrs. Watson, 70 years of age and the best speaker we have had in our Local.

Figure Eight: In a new U.F.W.A. Local, organized by Mrs. Strong, Director for Peace River North, Mrs. Parrott is secretary. Plans are being raised by holding social events.

Dead Check: Held a most successful meeting with Mrs. Dowdell and H. G. Young speaking. A committee served the ladies served lunch and raffled a quilt, which was won by P. C. Harding.

Wabin: Spent a very pleasant after-

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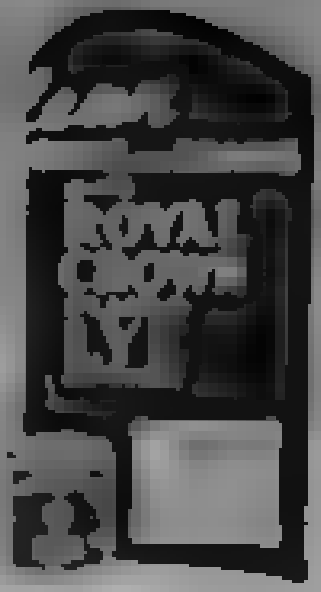

U. M. W. A. Leads in Local Standing

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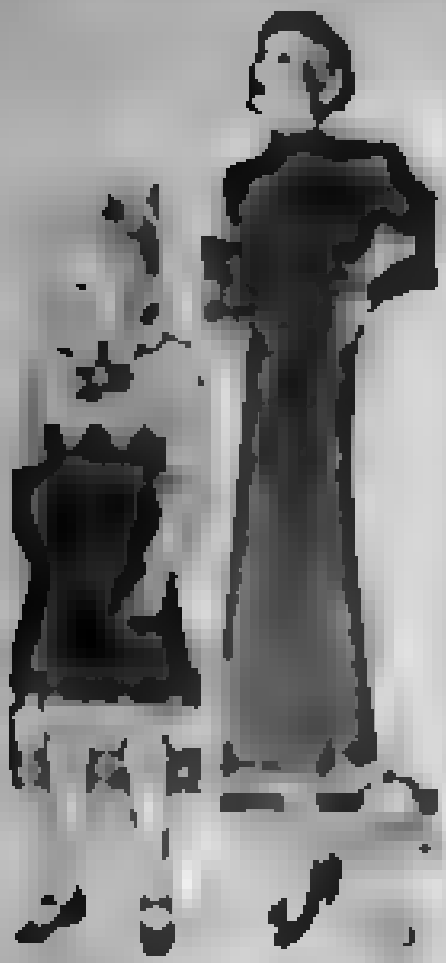

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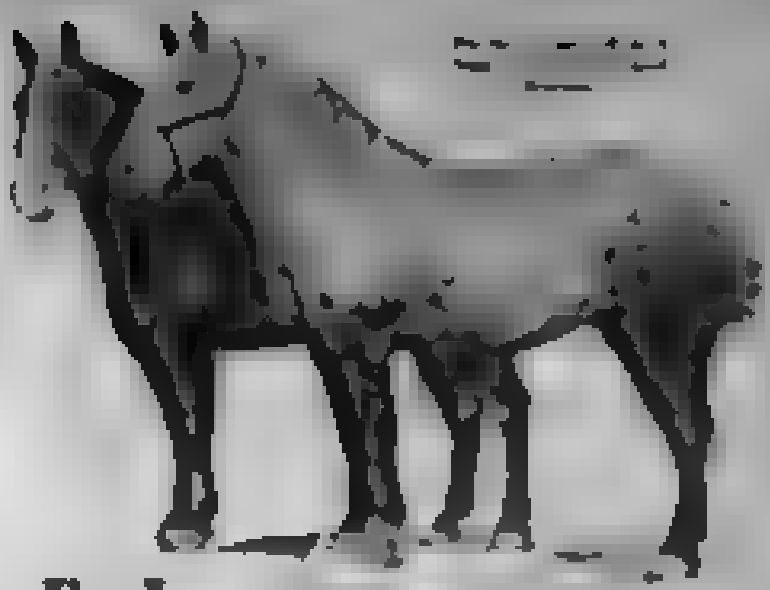

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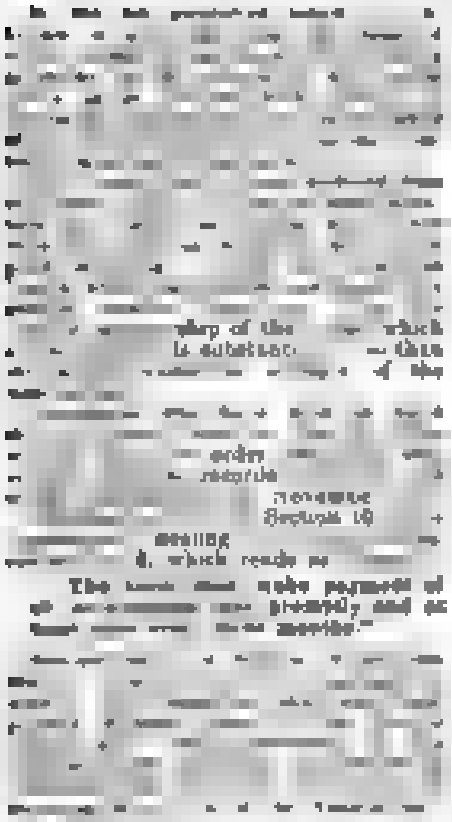
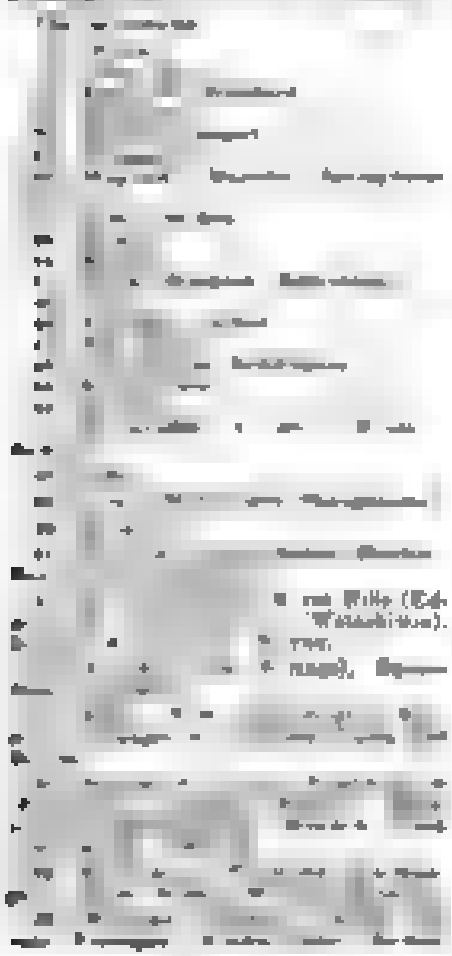
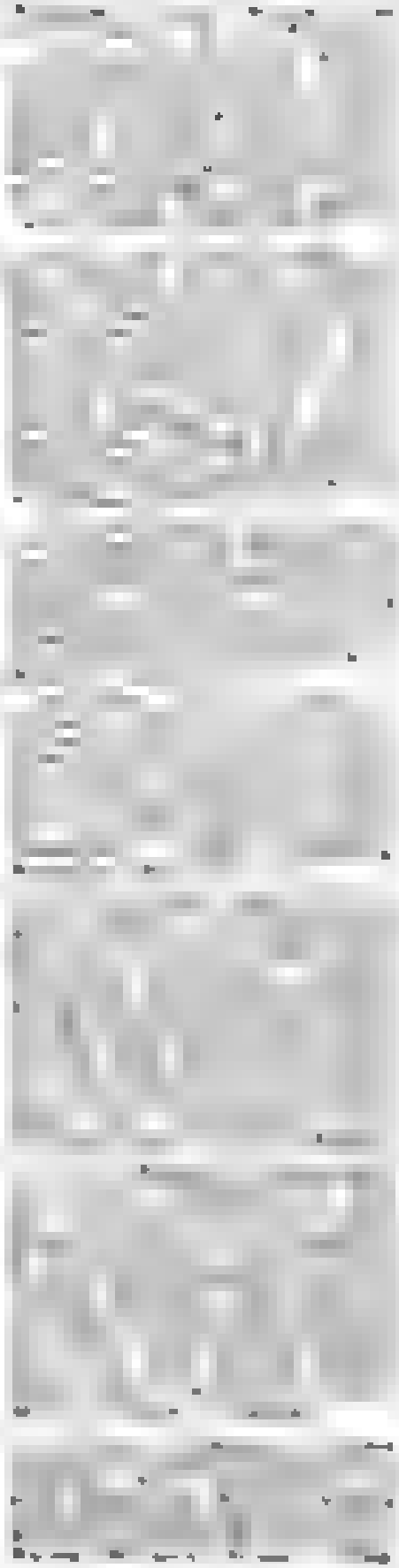
U.F.A. Locals in Order of Numerical Strength







Ryder), Jarvis Penhilgan (Chapp), Custer (Crow Nest), Retlaw Garden Prairie (Harcourt), Prairie Pride Warners, Dry Crossing (Barnhart), Ardenville Fairview (Innisfail), Rolling Green Retlaw, New Norway Kathryn Kroma (Kroma), Graburn (Walsh), Glenholme (Irma), Texas (Bindloss)

6 Bawlf, Buda Lake, Gildehorst (Lady Cunliffe), Chauvin Bellis, Buckingham Whitcomb, Elbridge Thorhild, Meadow Valley, Kinsella, Mid-Pembina (Dunstable), Berryhills (Donalda), Freedom, White Mountain (Spirit River), Strawberry, Lynn Creek, Beaverdale (Cardston), Prairie Echo, Canyon View (Bow River B.C.), Hilpen Area, Fort Fermilion (Bay Lake Blagrille), Head Butte Lodge (Craigmyle), Wise (Wainwright), Iron Butte (Whitelaw), Berry Creek, Vulcan, Strome, Lewisfield, Biddulph (Lake Louise)

7 Beaverdam, Spring Valley (Semple), Bashwell (Bashwell), Jasmark (Peace), Lassiter, Maginot Lake, Calhoun, Owens, Bar La Biche, Mission, Dunleyn, McCann, Stanmount, Shady Nook, Red Deer, Lacombe (Lacombe), Poplar Valley, Wingate, Cranmore, Carmel, Lorne, Straight Lake (Meadowlake), Sturgeon Heights, Donnelly, West Side, Waubamik, Lundale, St. Lina, Auger, Peace Garden, Poplar Lake (Edgerton), Lyonnet, Strathcona, Woodbrook, Cooper (Innisfail), Woodside (Hearst), White Swan (Bassano)

Mr. Spencer's Meetings

H. E. Spencer, M.P. for Battle River will speak at the following meetings during November:

Delivan School, November 2nd, 8 p.m.
Sligo School, November 3rd, 8 p.m.
Hastings, November 4, 8 p.m.
Battle View, November 6th, 8 p.m.
Willowby School, November 7th, 8 p.m.
Creerval Hall, November 8th, 8 p.m.
Glenholme, November 9th, 8 p.m.
Valley Springs, November 10th, 8 p.m.

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H. T. Hamborough, of Lochend, secured very evident results from certified Marquis seed wheat obtained from the Provincial Co-operative Seed Service and sown on a barren, summer-fallowed land. While he is not alone in the district who got much above 30 bushels to the acre, Mr. Hamborough obtained 29 bushels to the acre of this No. 1 wheat, over quite a considerable portion of it had suffered from hail. The wheat graded Northern.

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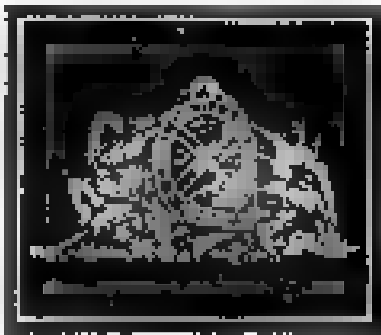

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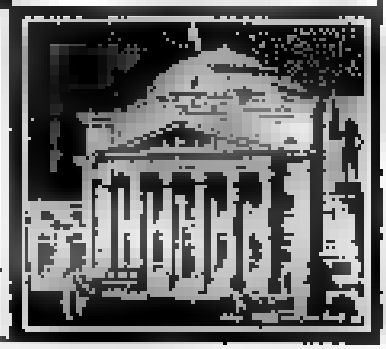

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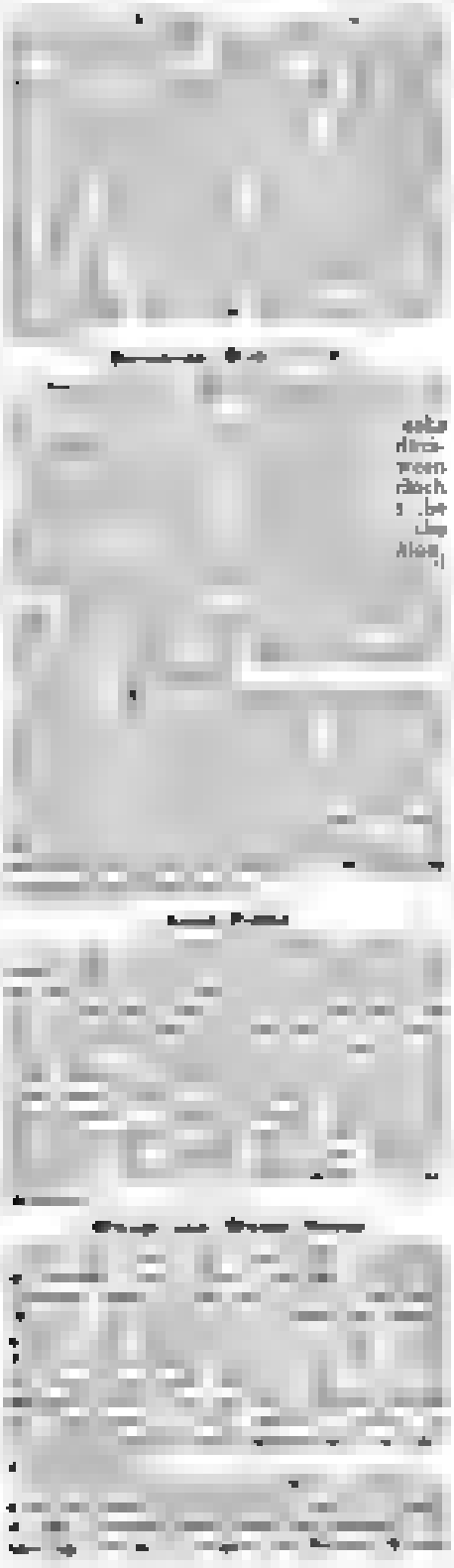

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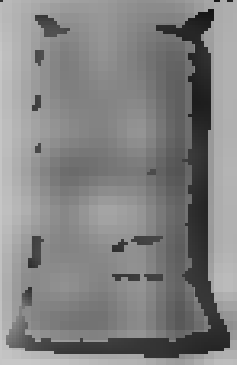

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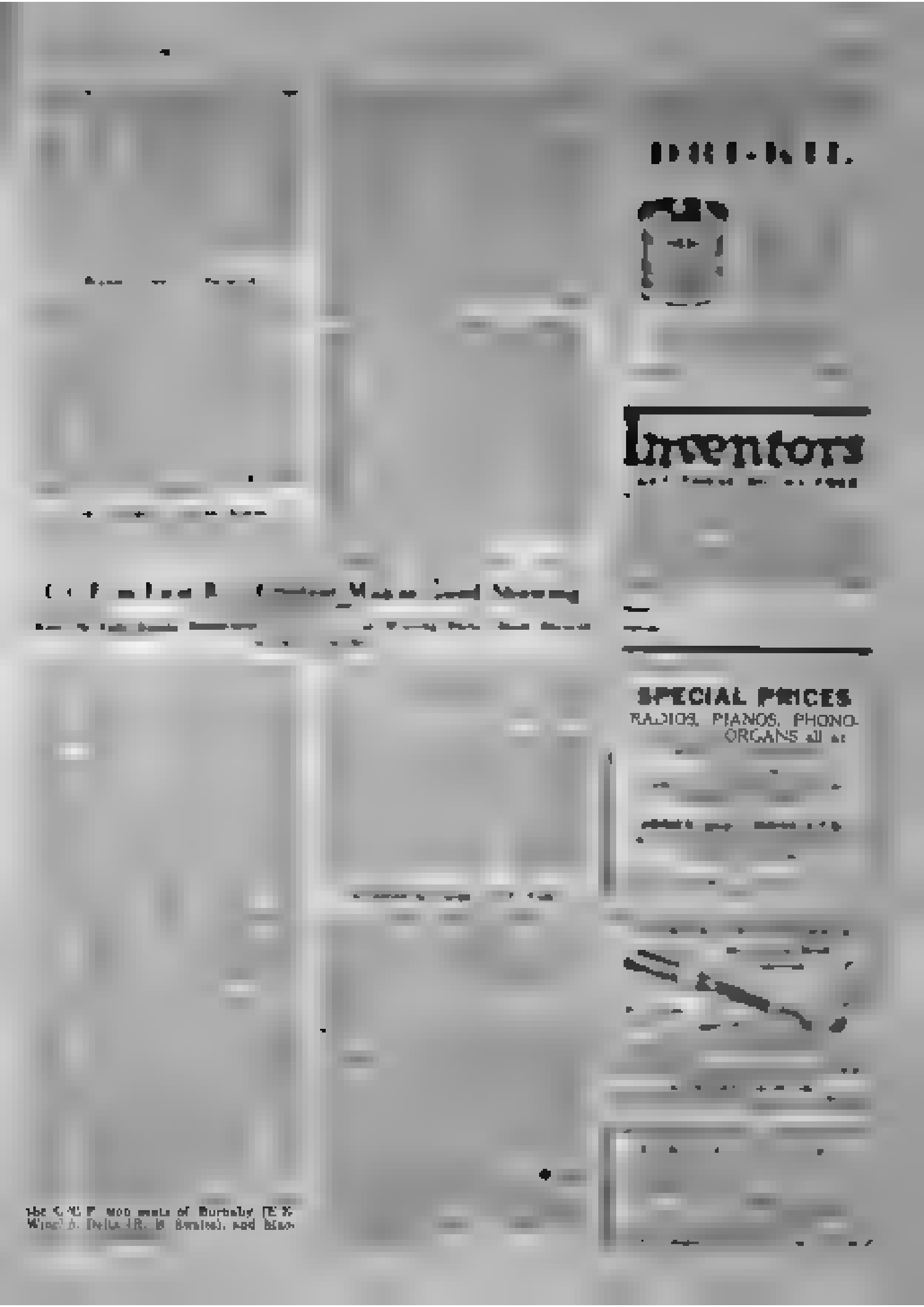

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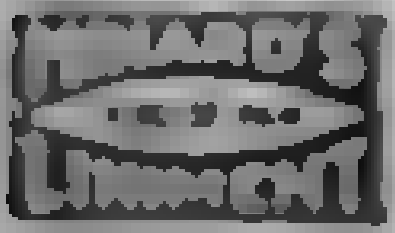

...g I have ever laid my tongue to ...ion!

It is rightly contended that certain of property must be reserved ...vate, since they carry with them ...ortunity of domination too great ...t to private individuals without ...o the community at large."

And Another Indictment

...s pretty good authority from one ...

...tioned a few minutes ago as ...roup, a fourth converging group, ...Toronto conference of the United ...went so far as to declare that the ...t system is un-Christian and ...be brought to an end; and then ...capitalism as "that order of ...under which capital . . . .d and administered by individuals ...ncial groups with a view to their ...fit"; and then, not satisfied with ...sive criticism alone, the confer...pound through specific demands for ...alization of finance, for the ...tion of natural resources, for the ...alization of transportation and ...services, for the socialization of in... insofar as their operation under ...ownership places undue power ...e subsistence of the people in the ...of private groups.

Shall We Take Over Industries?

...are we going to take over in...s? The C.C.F. sets forth this ...principle: "In restoring to the ...unity its natural resources and in ...over industrial enterprises from ...into public control, we do not ...e any policy of outright confisca...

The C.C.F. convention definitely ...its record against a policy of out...confiscation, in spite of the charges ...enemies, then and now. The ...tion stated:

...hat we desire is the most stable ...quitable transition to the Co-opera... Commonwealth. It is impossible to ...the policies to be followed in par...cases in an uncertain future, but ...ust upon certain broad principles. ...elfare of the community must take ...macy over the claims of private ...In times of war human life has ...conscripted. Should economic cir...stances call for it conscription of ...would be more justifiable. We ...ise the need for compensation in ...ses of individuals and institutions ...must receive adequate mainten...during the transitional period before ...planned economy becomes fully ...tive. But a C.C.F. government ...t play the role of rescuing bankrupt ...e concerns for the benefit of peo...s and of stock and bond holders. ...not pile up a dead weight burden ...remunerative debt which represents ...a upon the public treasury of a ...lessly owner class."

...what did we refer in this last ...ce? We referred to that bogey ...that is always raised up by the ...ters of the present system—the ...dian National Railways. In the ...place, the Canadian National Rail... are not truly nationalized. You ...there a form of state capitalism. ...ally, when private ownership and ...tive brought the institution of the ...R. and the G.T.P. and subsidiary ...to utter ruin, to bankruptcy, then ...Government, instead of liquidating ...concern and securing the property ...ght at its true valuation, assumed ...full obligation in order that the in...sts of the bondholding class might be ...permanently protected; and they assumed that obligation at a valuation at no time justified. *Such a policy as that is not national ownership and will not be undertaken by the C.C.F.* When we nationalize anything it will be nationalized in fact and in name, and at the proper valuation. Why, even during the last session of this Parliament of ours Mr. Bennett himself admitted that Canada did not own the C.N.R. He said that legally speaking it is the property of the bondholders and actually it is the property of the bondholders.

Destruction of Wealth is Madness

Your community is beyond question rich in the potential power to produce almost everything you need. We have an age of plenty; my grandfather—so lately as that has the change come—my grandfather was born in an age of scarcity; my son was born in an age of plenty. And yet the only answer that the leaders of the country have for you is not the distribution of plenty but its destruction. After centuries of struggle we have reached a stage where we can satisfy the needs of life and many of its comforts; and our leaders say we have overproduction, we must starve until we have reduced production.

I am reminded of Bernard Shaw's exclamation, that this earth must surely be the insane asylum of the universe.

But to those who believe in capitalism and want to see its continuance there is no other way but to destroy the vast quantities of goods we have produced. It is the negation of intelligence, it is the the denial of the efforts of science, it is so mad that there is no language in which to describe it.

In your own industry you have been in a pleasant little pickle. You are the barkbone of the nation, you are the great stable force of society that stands as a buttress against the inroads of agitators. And during all the past ten years you were producing new wealth, out of the ground; and you produced so much new wealth that according to the census returns there were 29,000 fewer farms owned by farmers than ten years previously. Under the present system you have no security in your ownership. None whatever. No more than the worker has in his home, than the fellow who invested in life insurance has in his investment. There is no security except for the few at the top and even they are tottering, through their own stupidity.

Well, in the period 1921-31 more millionaires were being made in the United States than in any similar period, and I suppose the same was true of Canada.

Yet the value of all farm property declined, in that ten years, until it was over one billion less than in 1921. Your lands, according to census returns, were worth close to a billion dollars less in 1931 than in 1921 and on top of that one-third of the farmers in Canada reported unpaid mortgages of nearly $700,000,000. Well, you can hang on to a system like that if you want to, but I assure you that every nerve of mine is going to be devoted to trying to replace it with one more just.

Sharing the Depression

"Share the depression." Let's see. The men who grow field crops in Canada, apart from livestock and so on, shared the depression to this extent, that in 1932 we got just $637 millions less than we got in 1928. Why, even that alone would have brought on a crash in Canada

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Many who wanted to establish a sheet anchor for old age invested in life insurance. Now it is true that they got some protection so long as they kept up the payments. But when the depression came on men were forced to make a decision either to sell their insurance policies for what they would fetch or to let them lapse. They did both. The policies turned in for cash surrender were in 1930 $170,000,000; in 1931 $245,000,000; in 1932 $364,000,000; a grand total of over $782,000,000. The total value of lapsed policies in those three years was $1,224,000,000; or a grand total of over $2,000,000,000 of life insurance wiped out; and in almost every case the losers were the poor of the country who could ill afford the loss and who now could probably never insure again under the present system.

What I have said covers but a few of the carefully thought out steps in establishing our Co-operative Commonwealth. I urge everyone to secure a copy of the manifesto from the National Secretary, Mr. Priestley, and read carefully the splendid program proposed.

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Dealing with the C.C.F., W. Norman Smith, editor of *The U.F.A.*, recently addressed a meeting of Tudor U.F.A. Local, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Kuppe.

Ask Local Supervisor

Dealing with the question of relief, Watino U.F.A. Local at a recent meeting passed a resolution asking that administration of relief be taken from the hands of the R.C.M.P. and given to a local supervisor, preferably a woman; that the word "loan" be used in place of the word "relief" in certain cases; that a travelling health clinic be kept constantly at work in the unorganized districts of the Peace River Block; and that an early distribution of winter clothing be made.

Large Gathering at Castor

Monday, October 9th, was an important day for the U.F.A. in the vicinity of Castor, states a report from Carl Frederickson, secretary of South Castor U.F.A. Local. In the afternoon William Irvine, M.P., addressed a large crowd on the C.C.F. This was Mr. Irvine's first visit to Castor and all who heard him were greatly impressed by his earnestness, forceful arguments and eloquence. The meeting was presided over by J. E. Brown, U.F.A. Director, and J. K. Sutherland, of the Central Executive gave a short address emphasizing the need for economic reconstruction. In the evening South Castor Local held a banquet, the room being filled to overflowing. C. F. Pain, president, presided; short speeches were given by Mayor Barnes and other townspeople, and by Mr. Irvine. The chief speaker of the evening was the Deputy Minister of Agriculture, R. A. Craig, who, at the conclusion of his address, congratulated George Rice on his winnings at the Regina Grain Show.

Junior Local Activities

Cayuse Juniors report an interesting meeting at the home of Mrs. Fleming.

Three Hills presented their former secretary, Miss Dorothy Grant, with a wedding gift of silver; Margaret Boles was elected secretary at the last meeting.

Reorganization of Brant Junior Local took place recently; the first meeting decided to put on a membership drive and to hold a Hallowe'en party.

Ardenode and Helmsdale Juniors are holding dances in the near future, while Arrowwood and Consort planned Hallowe'en parties. McCafferty Juniors report a record year, both for membership and activities.

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